

REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicants have amended the claims to further define their invention. In particular, claim 4 has been amended to include therein the limitations previously recited in claims 2 and 1, from which claim 4 previously depended. Claim 7 has been amended to be in independent form by including therein all of the limitations of claims 2 and 1, from which claim 7 previously depended, as well as the limitations from claim 6. Claim 9 has been amended to be independent form by including therein all of the limitations of claim 1, from which claim 9 previously depended. Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 3, 6 and 8 amended to depend from claim 4. Claim 10 has been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as their invention.

In view of the foregoing amendments to claim 10, it is submitted claims 10 and 11 comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, are requested.

In view of the cancellation of claims 1 and 2, the rewriting of claims 4, 7 and 9 in independent form and the change in dependency of claims 3, 6 and 8, the rejection of claims 1-3, 6 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) in numbered section 4 of the Office Action is moot.

Applicants note the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4, 5, 7 and 9-11. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted all of the claims now in the application are in condition for allowance.

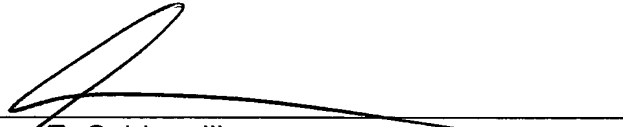
Applicants note the Examiner has cited a number of documents as being pertinent to applicants' disclosure. However, since none of these documents has

been applied in rejecting the claims formerly in the application, further discussion of these documents is deemed unnecessary.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 699.44114X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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